

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING NATHAN EUGENE
FLETCHER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Eugene Fletcher. Nathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Eugene Fletcher for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING DR. BRENDA
HELLYER, CHANCELLOR OF SAN
JACINTO COLLEGE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional educator, San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, on receiving the prestigious Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence from the Bay Area Houston Partnership (BAHEP). BAHEP presents its renowned Quasar Award to an outstanding elected official or business leader who has demonstrated a strong and continual effort to support the business foundations of the greater Bay Area Houston communities.

Dr. Hellyer grew up in Hays, Kansas, a small town of nearly 12,000 in the heart of wheat and cattle country. She is the second of four children—three girls and a boy. Her father was a truck driver for Rainbow Bread and later served as a custodian at the local elementary school. Her mother was a housewife until her youngest sister started school, and then began a career as a school cook and baker.

Dr. Hellyer earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Fort Hays State University, and both her master's degree in business administration and a doctorate in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin. She received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin in spring

2009. Dr. Hellyer is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in Texas. While in college, she received many scholarships that helped finance her education and credits her success to the generosity of University donors.

Working for Fortune 500 companies in accounting and finance, eventually led Dr. Hellyer down to Houston where she met her husband, Rusty. Together, Rusty and Brenda worked with several small businesses they owned in the Deer Park and Pasadena communities. She strongly believes in serving the community, and her first involvement with San Jacinto College was as a volunteer with the San Jacinto College Foundation.

Since 2009, Dr. Hellyer has served as Chancellor of San Jacinto College, a notable Houston institution with nearly 30,000 students, four primary campuses, and an annual budget of \$252 million. Her involvement with the College began in 1996 as an inaugural director for the San Jacinto College Foundation. She later served in a number of executive positions at the college, including Executive Vice President for Resource Development, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, Chief Financial Officer, and Executive Vice Chancellor.

After becoming Chancellor of San Jacinto College in May 2009, Dr. Hellyer led a rigorous strategic planning process to transform the image of the college. During her tenure, the college has made major infrastructure renovations and developed award-winning programs including its Maritime Training and Technology Center, Generation Park Campus, Aerospace Training facility, and the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology.

These efforts have transformed San Jacinto College into a modern community college, offering students education in collaborative classrooms and hands on training with equipment they will encounter as they move into the workforce.

Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. Hellyer for her dedication as Chancellor of San Jacinto College, and for her outstanding community engagement in the greater Bay Area.

IN CELEBRATION OF VIETNAMESE
NEW YEAR TET 2020

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Tết, Vietnamese New Year, for 2020. The large Vietnamese community in Orange County will gather together in Little Saigon to celebrate the Year of the Rat. I am once again honored to join them in observing their traditions and rich culture.

Tết marks the beginning of a new spring where families can reunite with their ancestors, reconnect with their loved ones, and move beyond their troubles and difficulties from the past year. Furthermore, they cele-

brate and hope for a better year ahead of them. The celebration brings together the Vietnamese community in Little Saigon, the largest Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam. Fifty thousand participants and over sixty organizations will gather to celebrate with food, music, dance, and so much more. The theme for this year's parade is "With Profound Gratitude and Appreciation," where participants will express their gratitude to the ancestors who sacrificed to give forthcoming generations a brighter future. Another aspect of this year's celebration is an expression of the community's appreciation to the United States.

In the nearly fifty years since the fall of Saigon, hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees have resettled and built strong communities across the United States. The United States accepted and looked after the Vietnamese community and offered the opportunity to start a new life in this great country. Here in America, they have the freedom to celebrate their basic human rights and enjoy the communities they have built after resettling.

A shining star of the Vietnamese American community of Little Saigon is the vibrant group of media outlets—Nguoi Viet Daily News, Vien Dong Daily News, Viet Bao Daily News, Vietnam America TV (VNA-TV), Saigon Broadcasting Television Network (SBTN), Little Saigon Radio, Central Broadcasting Network (CBN), and many more. They are committed to providing reliable news, preserving the Vietnamese language and culture, and enriching the lives and experiences of the Vietnamese community in the United States.

Madam Speaker and fellow colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tết 2020.

HONORING DAVIS S. WELCH

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Davis S. Welch as he retires following 38 years of distinguished service to the Army and the nation. Throughout his extraordinary career, he embodied the duty, honor, and loyalty that makes the U.S. Army the world's premier fighting force.

Davis' commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities in service of his nation is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a true and devoted patriot. Throughout his career, he earned numerous academic and military accolades, including the Legion of Merit, that garnered the respect and admiration of his peers. Davis was instrumental in balancing immediate needs within resource constraints while expertly and expeditiously funding peacetime and war-related Theater, Joint, and Operational Needs Statements. His resume tells the story of a man unafraid to embrace the challenges that forge the leaders our nation needs.

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For near four decades, Davis positively impacted all those around him, while zealously safeguarding the sanctity of our public accounts and our public trust. We have all benefited from his extraordinary guidance, judgment, and character. His dedicated service has greatly contributed to the security of this Country, and of free peoples around the world.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Davis Welch as he starts this new chapter of his life. On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

HONORING COLTON MATTHEW
FRENCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colton Matthew French. Colton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Colton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colton Matthew French for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PROTECTING OLDER WORKERS
AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 1230, the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act. This bipartisan and commonsense legislation will level the playing field for older workers in Central New York and across the country by restoring the ability to combat age discrimination in the workplace.

Speaking with Central New Yorkers, I have heard from many older workers who have expressed concern over the prevalence of ageism in the workplace. My constituents are not alone either. According to a recent AARP report, 3 in 5 older workers have experienced age discrimination in the workplace. Despite this statistic, the recent 2009 Supreme Court's decision in *Gross v. FBL Financial Services, Inc.*, has weakened federal protections against age discrimination, making it more difficult for older Americans to prove age discrimination and rectify these instances. For this reason, I

am proud to support the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act. Under this bipartisan legislation, we will take the necessary steps to protect older workers against age discrimination in the workplace by restoring the pre-2009 legal standards for age discrimination claims.

Mr. Chair, age should never be a factor in employment decisions. Whether an older worker is forced out of a job or receiving lower pay due to age, older workers in Central New York and in the United States must be protected from age discrimination in the workplace. Troubling statistics published by AARP make it clear that age discrimination in the workplace is an issue that must be addressed by Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to act in a bipartisan manner to protect older workers against age discrimination by supporting the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARK
GAFFNEY FOR A DISTINGUISHED
CAREER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the distinguished career of Mark Gaffney as he retires from his position at Teamsters Local Union No. 214.

As a lifelong Michigan resident, Mark Gaffney has become a cornerstone of the Michigan labor community. Upon receiving his bachelor's degree in Philosophy and master's degree in Labor Relations from Michigan State University, Gaffney launched a successful thirty-year career in workforce issues and labor relations. Beyond his role at Teamsters Local Union No. 214, Gaffney has also served as President of the Michigan AFL-CIO, an association of forty national labor unions representing over 700,000 Michiganders. In addition, Gaffney has directed the Economic Alliance of Michigan for twelve years as a co-chair, served as the Chair of the Board of Human Resources Development, Inc., was part of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Council for Labor and Economic Growth, and was appointed by Mayor Duggan to serve on the Detroit Workforce Board. Aside from his work with labor relations, Gaffney also has extensive healthcare experience and even served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. In 2016, Gaffney was elected statewide to serve an eight-year term on the Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

Mark Gaffney's professional accomplishments demonstrate his unrelenting commitment to the people of Michigan. During his time at Teamsters Local Union No. 214, the largest Teamsters Local in Michigan, Gaffney has represented and negotiated on behalf of Michigan municipal and education workers from all walks of life. Yet, Gaffney's dedication is not exclusive to his role within the labor union. Instead, Gaffney has endeavored to represent Michiganders in all capacities, ensuring their needs are being properly met. Gaffney is recognized amongst his peers and colleagues as a compassionate, ambitious,

and humble leader who strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of his significant accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Mark Gaffney's career with Teamsters Local Union No. 214. Mark Gaffney's unrelenting commitment to our state is remarkable and I deeply appreciate his continued leadership in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY
WORK OF THE UNION OF
THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT AS-
SOCIATIONS OF SOUTHERN CALI-
FORNIA (UVSA)

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of Southern California (UVSA) and the organization's tremendous contribution in organizing the highest-attended, longest-running annual Tét festival in the country.

UVSA is committed to fostering awareness of Vietnamese culture, civic engagement, and leadership development within the community. Since its founding, it has shown an unwavering dedication to community service and advocacy for social justice, both domestically and internationally.

UVSA's volunteers are students, alumni, professional, educators, and community leaders. When not organizing the Tét Festival, UVSA provides grants to other non-profits across Southern California, holds leadership development activities at high schools and colleges, participates in Black April commemorations, and holds inter-collegiate events with their respective Vietnamese student associations.

I ask all members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of Southern California.

HONORING CONOR ALLEN
LITTLETON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Conor Allen Littleton. Conor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Conor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Conor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Conor has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Conor built a firepit at American Legion Post 58 in Smithville, Missouri, to be used for flag retirement ceremonies.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Conor Allen Littleton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL STEWARD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Daniel Steward on his recent retirement from a remarkable fourteen-year career as first selectman for the town of Waterford, Connecticut. This tenure makes Dan the longest serving first selectman since the founding of the town in 1801 and ensures his legacy will last forever.

Dan was born and raised in Waterford and worked in the southeastern Connecticut region his entire adult life. He honed his managerial skills at Southern New England Telephone Company where he worked for twenty-eight years and then spent another three years as supervisor in information technologies at Dominion Energy's Millstone Power Plant, Connecticut's largest electrical energy producer. While still employed in the private sector, he began his impressive career of public service working to improve the town's public schools, first as president of the Parent Teacher Organization, and then when he transitioned to the Waterford board of education where he rose to the position of chair. In 2005, the people of Waterford elected Dan as their First Selectman, and he hit the ground running. This win was especially significant for Waterford, as they now had the leadership of one of their own, a true Lancer. This first-hand knowledge proved crucial for the growth and success of the town. Not only did Dan make structural improvements such as building five new schools; he also paid close attention to the individual problems of Waterford's residents. Dan's vested interest in the town enabled him to connect with everyone as his peer. He took the concerns of his constituents personally; his biggest gripe with the job being only that "he wanted to make everyone happy."

During his time as first selectman it became obvious that Dan had a gift for strong leadership and embracing change, something he knew all too well. His own father sold their family's dairy farm to developers who would go on to build the local Lowe's hardware store, giving Dan personal experience with the cyclical economies of small towns. When Dominion Energy's Millstone Power Station, a backbone of the current economy, was negotiating with the state, Dan remained a fierce advocate for Waterford. Dan's personal knowledge of the company gave him a unique and well-rounded perspective to facilitate a sustainable, long-term plan for its continued operation.

As the Congressman for Waterford during the bulk of Dan's tenure, I had the pleasure of working with him and the town on a number of issues, such as the memorial at Arlington National Cemetery to Vietnam hero and U.S. Army Captain Arnie Holm, a beloved son of Waterford, the development of a long term dredging plan for eastern Long Island Sound, and the recapitalization of the New England

Central Railroad, to name just a few. I found Dan to be extremely thoughtful and positive, always focused on the big picture of making southeastern Connecticut's future strong and healthy. Although we are from different political parties, he approached the job of governing from a non-political, practical point of view which I believe is a refreshing example elected officials at every level of government should follow.

Dan's presence will be sorely missed at Town Hall, although he has certainly earned this next, hopefully more restful chapter that I'm sure he will spend with his wife, Kathy, his four daughters, and his nine grandchildren. Luckily, Waterford residents won't have to look far as he will still support the community by going door to door for the census. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Dan for his service and congratulating him on his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF OZONE HOUSE'S YOUTH FACILITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of Ozone House's youth facility.

The Ozone House is a community-based, non-profit organization that has been devoted to helping youth in crisis for the past 50 years. In Washtenaw County, nearly 1,300 youth experience homelessness annually due to situations that arise from neglect, abuse, mental illness, or other crises. In 1969, Ozone House was established to address this problem and help young people in the community learn how to lead safe, healthy, and productive lives. Each year, the Ozone House provides refuge for over 800 young people and arranges over 4,000 hours of professional counseling services at two locations in Ann Arbor and a drop-in center in Ypsilanti.

Today, we celebrate the opening of Ozone House's new youth facility. The opening of the newly-constructed 19,000 square-foot building demonstrates the organization's continued unrelenting commitment to youth in Michigan, as it allows the organization to improve its services and counsel more youth than ever before. The facility will provide more space and privacy to youth navigating trauma and crisis and will afford them a new sense of security, stability, and consistency. In addition to 16 private bedrooms that can sleep 32 young people, the facility will offer counseling rooms, an expanded food and necessities pantry, three kitchens, and laundry and shower facilities. Ozone House's new facility will positively impact the lives of hundreds of youth throughout our community and empower them to get through even the toughest of circumstances.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the grand opening of Ozone House's new youth facility. In their commitment to providing a safe space for young people to help them grow and recognize their talents, the Ozone House continues to be an asset to the community. I am grateful for Ozone House's positive impact and wish the organization continued success in the years to come.

HONORING NOAH JAMES RIECKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Noah James Riecker. Noah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Noah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Noah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Noah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Noah James Riecker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I am pro-life, pro-family, and pro-child. While my beliefs are rooted in my Christian faith, I am not naïve enough to believe that everyone shares that connection between faith and the sanctity of life.

Yet, no matter what someone believes or doesn't believe, everyone understands that life is precious, and it is a gift. I believe that as Members of Congress and as citizens, we are called to protect the vulnerable. This is one of my core beliefs.

But being Pro-Life comes with responsibilities. It's not enough to say that you are Pro-Life and then walk away. "Just say no" isn't enough when it comes to abortion.

Women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy need support. Sometimes they need a loving shoulder to cry on. And sometimes they need help to find adoption resources.

Being pro-life means not just pro-birth but being interested in the welfare of that child during their entire formative years.

That's why I am not only a long-time member of the Pro-Life Caucus, but also a co-chair of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption.

We must speak up on behalf of the millions of babies aborted since Roe v. Wade, but also speak up for the children who have been saved by mothers who chose life.

Let's work together to find new ways to protect the most vulnerable amongst us—to advocate for families to adopt children or become foster parents, and then promote the underlying structures that support these families.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank President Trump and his Administration for the work they have done to defend the unborn, including changing the rules for Title X and expanding the Mexico City Policy.

I look forward to the day when there are no more abortions because there are no more unwanted children.

**RECOGNIZING TIM PETROSKY FOR
HIS SERVICE AT CMS ENERGY**

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Tim Petrosky for his service at CMS Energy. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to the public good, Tim has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Tim first joined CMS Energy as the spokesman for Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant in 1991. This historic power plant in Charlevoix, first opened in 1962, was the first nuclear power plant in the state of Michigan, the fifth oldest in the nation, and is designated as a Nuclear Historic Landmark by the American Nuclear Society. While Big Rock Point was decommissioned in 1997, Tim's work as spokesperson continued. This included accompanying a large piece of radioactive equipment by rail car to a southern U.S. storage site by rail—giving him the nickname "Boxcar Tim."

In 2005, Tim became NW Area Manager, Community Affairs, where he was responsible for media, communication, and community activities in three counties of the northwest Lower Peninsula. In this capacity, Tim has helped CMS Energy communicate and hear from the public—helping reach those in need during winter power outages, working with local communities to promote public safety and environmental protection, and hearing from members of the community on issues that matter most to them. With today's ever-evolving world, the work of industry leaders like Tim has been critical in supporting the common good and ensuring the public trust. His impact on the state of Michigan cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Tim Petrosky for his decades of service at CMS Energy. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Tim all the best in his future endeavors.

**IN RECOGNITION OF COMCAST
XFINITY ON THE DATE OF ITS
STORE'S GRAND OPENING**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Comcast Xfinity and their employees on the date of their store's grand opening in Taylor. Comcast Xfinity has become an important component of our Michigan community by utilizing our current infrastructure and workforce to deliver more affordable, efficient, and accessible internet services to consumers statewide.

Originally established in April 1981 as Comcast Cable, Xfinity has grown significantly

and transformed the southeast Michigan community. While employing thousands of individuals across Michigan, Xfinity has simultaneously developed new infrastructure to provide countless businesses and residents alike with quality cable and internet access. Their facilities have improved our region, showcasing it as a competitor in the market of technology and innovation. Xfinity's continued commitment to our state is exemplified in the company's expansion into the Taylor community.

Comcast Xfinity's investment in opening a Taylor facility underscores the city's reputation as a center for growth, innovation, and advancement. With this new store, Xfinity will provide residents and businesses with the ability to access the latest technologies, products, and services. Xfinity's new store will significantly contribute to Michigan's telecommunications industry in the coming years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Comcast Xfinity during the grand opening of the Comcast Xfinity Store in Taylor. This critical investment will provide Michigan's ambitious workforce and residents with access to the newest technologies in cable and internet services.

HONORING MARTIN GEORGE STILL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Martin George Still. Martin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Martin George Still for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, on Monday, January 20, the nation observes for the 35th time the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Each year this day is set aside for Americans to celebrate the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America.

The Martin Luther King Holiday reminds us that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature.

Dr. King's inspiring words filled a great void in our nation and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles.

Yet, Dr. King knew that it was not enough just to talk the talk; he knew that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible.

And so, we commemorate on this holiday the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day.

We honor the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats and beatings, and even bombings.

We commemorate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness."

"Life's most persistent and nagging question," he said, is "what are you doing for others?"

And when Dr. King talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life:

"I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity."

We should also remember that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, above all, a person who was always willing to speak truth to power.

There is perhaps no better example of Dr. King's moral integrity and consistency than his criticism of the Vietnam War being waged by the Johnson Administration, an administration that was otherwise a friend and champion of civil and human rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929.

Martin's youth was spent in our country's Deep South, then run by Jim Crow and the Ku Klux Klan.

For young African-Americans, it was an environment even more dangerous than the one they face today.

A young Martin managed to find a dream, one that he pieced together from his readings—in the Bible, and literature, and just about any other book he could get his hands on.

And not only did those books help him educate himself, but they also allowed him to work through the destructive and traumatic experiences of blatant discrimination, and the discriminatory abuse inflicted on himself, his family, and his people.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that we celebrate here today could have turned out to be just another African-American who would have had to learn to be happy with what he had, and what he was allowed.

But he learned to use his imagination and his dreams to see right through those "White Only" signs—to see the reality that all men, and women, regardless of their place of origin, their gender, or their creed, are created equal.

Through his studies, Dr. King learned that training his mind and broadening his intellect effectively shielded him from the demoralizing effects of segregation and discrimination.

Dr. King was a dreamer and his dreams were a tool through which he was able to lift his mind beyond the reality of his segregated society, and into a realm where it was possible that white and black, red and brown, and all others live and work alongside each other and prosper.

But the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not an idle daydreamer.

He shared his visions through speeches that motivated others to join in his nonviolent effort to lift themselves from poverty and isolation by creating a new America where equal justice and institutions were facts of life.

In the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all Men are Created Equal."

At that time and for centuries to come, African-Americans were historically, culturally, and legally excluded from inclusion in that declaration.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech, delivered 56 years ago this year, on August 28, 1963, was a clarion call to each citizen of this great nation that we still hear today.

His request was simply and eloquently conveyed—he asked America to allow of its citizens to live out the words written in its Declaration of Independence and to have a place in this nation's Bill of Rights.

The 1960s were a time of great crisis and conflict.

The dreams of the people of this country were filled with troubling images that arose like lava from the nightmares of violence and the crises they had to face, both domestically and internationally.

It was the decade of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Malcolm X, Presidential Candidate Robert Kennedy, and the man we honor here today.

Dr. Martin Luther King's dream helped us turn the corner on civil rights.

It started when Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, with Rosa Parks and others, which lasted for 381 days, and ended when the United States Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation on all public transportation.

But the dream did not die there.

It continued started with a peaceful march for suffrage that started in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965—a march that ended with violence at the hands of law enforcement officers as the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Dr. King used several nonviolent tactics to protest against Jim Crow Laws in the South and he organized and led demonstrations for desegregation, labor and voting rights.

On April 4, 1967, at Riverside Church in New York City, he spoke out against the Vietnam War, when he saw the devastation that his nation was causing abroad and the effect that it had on the American men and women sent overseas.

When the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State,

County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and Billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life.

That is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action.

It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace.

It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, who in the present, toil in times of unevenness in our equality.

For without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

For those who have already forgotten, or whose vision is already clouded with the fog of complacency, I would like to recite the immortal words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former shareholders will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the State of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but for the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its Governor having his lips dripping with words of interposition and nullification—one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough place will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Dr. King's dream did not stop at racial equality, his ultimate dream was one of human equality and dignity.

There is no doubt that Dr. King wished and worked for freedom and justice for every individual in America.

He was in midst of planning the 1968 Poor People's Campaign for Jobs and Justice when he was struck down by the dark deed of an assassin on April 4, 1968.

It is for us, the living, to continue that fight today and forever, in the great spirit that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

HONORING JACOB RAYMOND WORNSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Raymond Wornson. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob Raymond Wornson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, a year ago I stood on the House floor to pay tribute to the Central Methodist University Eagles Men's Soccer Team of Fayette, Missouri—located in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District—for winning the NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship.

I have the distinct honor of sharing with you the news of a truly outstanding accomplishment: the Eagles have won the NAIA Men's Soccer Championship for a second consecutive year.

Head Coach Alex Nichols and the Eagles defeated Hastings College of Nebraska 3-1 in the championship finale in Irvine, California. The win capped a 25-1 season for the Eagles as they set school records for most wins in a season and fewest losses in a season.

This second-straight soccer national championship is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and determination that defines this team's work ethic. Congratulations to the Central Methodist University Eagles—Missouri's two-time national champs.

OBSERVING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK JANUARY

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the innocent lives lost in the massacre of Black January at the hands of the

Soviet Union. January 20 marks the 30th anniversary of this tragic day in the history of Azerbaijan, which is seen as its rebirth as an independent country.

26,000 Soviet troops attacked Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan, and its surrounding areas on the night of January 20, 1990. This vicious invasion is fixed in Azerbaijan's national history and is remembered in the hearts of its people as "Black January." In the Soviet brutality, more than 145 innocent civilians died, around 800 people were injured, and hundreds were arrested.

The Soviet crackdown was meant to smother the independence movement in Azerbaijan which was gaining momentum at the time. It proved to be a futile attempt to prop up the rule of the Communist Party, and really the whole Soviet Union. In fact, it had the opposite effect, further inflaming the independence movement and strengthening other such movements throughout the former Soviet Union.

Following the events of Black January, popular sentiment drove Azerbaijan to break away from the Soviet Union and declare independence. On August 30, 1991, Azerbaijan's Parliament adopted the Declaration on the Restoration of the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and on October 18, 1991, the Constitutional Act on the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan was approved.

Azerbaijan began to receive international recognition of its newfound independence in November 1991, and shortly thereafter the United States became one of the first nations to recognize the country, establishing diplomatic relations on February 28, 1992. Today, cooperation between the U.S. and Azerbaijan has blossomed to include a broad range of issues, particularly energy development and security, and we share many common interests and goals for the region.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the Azerbaijani people as they remember the events of Black January and celebrate that brutality cannot stifle the thirst for freedom.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. TAECHIN "TC" KIM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Taechin "TC" Kim, who passed away on December 29, 2019, at the age of 72. Mr. Kim was a key leader of the prayer community and prayer movement in the Pikes Peak region. As a former Korean businessman, TC dedicated his life as a prayer missionary to seeking authentic transformation of our city and nation. TC was a naturalized American citizen who cherished the Biblical, founding principles of our nation and lived an exemplary life as a true patriot. As the National Facilitator of Transform USA, he had a profound impact on Colorado Springs and beyond by organizing two weekly public prayer gatherings and constantly promoting outstanding Christian citizenship. Colorado's 5th Congressional District is truly blessed by TC's believing and living 2 Chronicles 7:14, "if My people who are called

by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

TC Kim was born in 1947 in the city of Taegu, South Korea. He graduated from Yonsei University, Seoul with a BA in Business and received his MBA from the University of La Verne in Southern California. His professional career includes nearly 30 years as: General Manager, Samsung Trading Company; Vice President, NCH Corporation; and Asian Pacific Operations Sales Director, Otis Elevator Company/United Technologies. In 2000, he transitioned into service with a global non-profit organization Eron/Loving Concern as a missionary, providing medical supplies to South America and Africa before moving to Colorado Springs in 2007.

In 2007, TC was commissioned by several national and global ministry leaders at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. to serve as the National Facilitator of Transform USA. Soon after, TC and his wife, Soonae, moved to Colorado Springs where he began to connect with local pastors, ministry leaders, everyday people of faith, as well as many across the nation for the purpose of relationship, support and collaboration towards transforming America together. In the summer of 2007, TC launched a weekly Wednesday morning prayer meeting which continues to this day. He also began a monthly national conference call to provide a networking platform for servant leaders to share about their regional/national ministry of serving others which also continues into 2020.

At both the weekly local prayer meeting as well as the monthly national conference calls, TC always encouraged and inspired people of faith to be the positive change makers in the spheres of business, education, public service, media, arts/entertainment and religion. In 2014, TC was granted space in Colorado Springs' City Hall to launch a weekly Friday evening meeting to pray for our city. Throughout TC's years in Colorado Springs, he always looked for opportunities to serve the needs of our community. He also convened several special Transform USA gatherings in our region including the 2011 D-Day Prayer and the 2018 Transform USA Summit. TC continued to "fight the good fight" even after he was diagnosed with stage four cancer in 2015, and "finished the race" at the end of 2019.

TC Kim lived a transformed life through loving and honoring all those around him both as a global businessman and missionary and both a local and national ministry leader. He represented Christian virtues well and many in our region, nation, and around the world have been blessed by his service. The Pikes Peak Region and beyond will continue to thrive through the lives he impacted. TC is survived by his wife Soonae, sons Andrew and Sean, their wives, and five grandchildren. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to remember the life and legacy of Mr. Taechin "TC" Kim.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILMAN GERARD JIMENEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Councilman Gerard Jimenez.

Mr. Jimenez was a dedicated public servant who served Floresville, Texas as a Councilman for almost two decades. He retired from Kelly Air Force Base and later went on to study Business Administration at Texas Tech University.

Born and raised in Floresville, Councilman Jimenez had a great sense of humor and captured the essence of being an enlightened public servant for Floresville, who pushed for the advancement of the city. He was a beloved and loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, and community leader. His life was dedicated to the best interests of his community and family. He shared in the vision of economic advances and took strides to help maintain the growth of the city.

Mr. Jimenez passed away on January 6, 2020. He is survived by his wife Sylvia Leal Jimenez, and four children; Gerard Scott Jimenez and wife Serena, Christopher Michael Jimenez and wife Ashley, Jade Jimenez, and Jewel Jimenez; and his siblings Samuel, Alice, Ruby, and Gloria Jimenez. He is preceded in death by his late parents, Samuel and Mary Ann Jimenez.

Gerard will be remembered as a dedicated citizen of his community, an admirable public servant, and a close friend. The city of Floresville will declare November 8th as Gerard Jimenez Day, forever cementing his memory and service into the community he dedicated his life to serving.

Madam Speaker, I thank Councilman Gerard Jimenez for the many contributions to the City of Floresville, and express my deep appreciation for his dedication to the progress of the city.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE HALAL METROPOLIS EXHIBITION OPENING

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the Halal Metropolis exhibition at the Stamelos Gallery Center. Halal Metropolis celebrates our diverse Muslim population in Detroit, one of the largest and most diverse Muslim populations in the nation, and will facilitate a greater sense of understanding, unity, and respect for our Muslim neighbors statewide.

Halal Metropolis is a traveling exhibition by artist Osman Khan, photographer Razi Jafri, and historian Sally Howell. The exhibition showcases the Muslim community and explores the Muslim narrative, a significant and important voice in our state's diverse identity. The exhibition will examine the facts, fictions, and imaginaries of Muslim populations and will adapt as it travels through different socio-political contexts and gallery spaces across the

state. In the Stamelos Gallery Center, the exhibition will particularly highlight the role that food, fashion, and holiday celebration have played in augmenting Muslim visibility in the region.

Halal Metropolis represents our community's desire to come together to challenge assumptions and celebrate the qualities that make us unique. Specifically structured to provoke conversation, the exhibition will be a conduit for change. Halal Metropolis will increase visibility for Muslims, lead to a greater understanding of their cultures, and generate a new appreciation for their role in our state's vibrant history.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the opening of Halal Metropolis at the Stamelos Gallery Center. The valuable exhibition will offer a unique way to appreciate our Muslim community's important contributions to our state and recognize its deeply-rooted history.

**HONORING F. ANTHONY KEATING
FOR HIS 24 YEARS OF SERVICE
AS CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY
OF THE ARMY ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony Keating for his 24 years of service to our community as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the Northern New York region.

The Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army is an unpaid volunteer who advises and supports the Secretary of the Army on issues affecting his or her region. For the past 24 years, Anthony Keating has been advising Army Secretaries on the local issues affecting Fort Drum and the surrounding active service and veteran communities in the North Country. Mr. Keating combines his local knowledge with his nine years of active duty service to the Army when advising the secretary on policy decisions. Although he is retiring from the position specifically covering Northern New York, Mr. Keating is not finished serving the region, as he will remain on as Civilian Aide Emeritus for all of New York State.

His deep knowledge of the community, which includes Fort Drum, and his decades of experience have made him an invaluable asset to Secretary of the Army, Ryan McCarthy and his predecessors. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Keating for his service and wish him well in this new chapter in his life.

ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, today I address the first and most fundamental right guaranteed to every individual—the right to life.

Next week marks the 47th anniversary since the tragic ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. In that time,

more than 60 million lives have been lost to abortion.

That's 60 million babies who were never given the chance to fulfill their potential as a future doctor, farmer, artist, or maybe Member of Congress.

Last year, I helped support efforts by the Trump administration to update Title X guidelines so that tax dollars for family planning services don't go to abortion providers.

This year we have built on our pro-life efforts by introducing the Down Syndrome Discrimination by Abortion Prohibition Act to protect the most vulnerable of the unborn.

We have accomplished great victories for life over the past three years, however we know there is more to be done.

That's why I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Americans from Kansas and throughout our country who will be convening in Washington next week to stand for life.

We know that research has proven what pro-life Kansans have already known—that life is precious and it begins at conception.

As a dad of three and a Kansan, I stand in support of fellow Kansans and Americans who are a voice for the voiceless.

**RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPENING
OF CITY OF HOPE IN NEWPORT
BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representatives GILBERT R. CISNEROS, JR., J. LUIS CORREA, MIKE LEVIN, ALAN LOWENTHAL, KATIE PORTER, and LINDA T. SANCHEZ, rise to recognize the grand opening of City of Hope in Newport Beach, California. This is City of Hope's first Orange County location and it will make a tremendous impact in enhancing the lives of residents by providing highly specialized care and pioneering cancer research closer to home. City of Hope is a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. Each year, more than 100 million people worldwide benefit from scientific and clinical discoveries made at City of Hope. For the first time, Orange County residents will have local access to City of Hope's network of world-renowned cancer specialists and groundbreaking treatments.

With the opening of City of Hope's Newport Beach location, the organization, which has been named by U.S. News & World Report as the top-ranked cancer hospital in California, fulfills its promise of providing lifesaving treatments to Orange County and launches a new era in cancer care. City of Hope is also developing a comprehensive cancer campus in Irvine, California.

City of Hope was founded more than a century ago to address a pressing medical need. Its arrival in Orange County also answers the call of a community where nearly 20 percent of cancer patients have needed to leave the area for advanced cancer care. City of Hope is bringing the latest in personalized therapies, highly specialized physicians, and nationally recognized compassionate care to our local community, which will positively impact patient healing.

We ask that all Members join us in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions

of City of Hope and their efforts to eradicate cancer and bring tomorrow's discoveries to the people who need them today, in Orange County and around the world.

**CONGRATULATING STEVEN H. PERDUE
FOR RECEIVING THE
2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD**

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Steven H. Perdue for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Service Award from Traverse Connect. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to his community, Steve has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Since 1929, the Distinguished Service Award has been given to leaders who have had a tremendously positive impact on the Traverse City area. Through his decades of service to his community, Steve has shown himself to be more than deserving of this honor. Founded in 1974, Grand Traverse Industries (GTI) provides comprehensive services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As President and CEO of GTI, Steven has led these efforts since 1980. His exceptional work has helped thousands of persons with disabilities in the Grand Traverse Area find meaningful employment.

Steve's selflessness has been previously recognized on multiple occasions, for instance receiving the 2007 Sara Hardy Humanitarian of the Year Award from the City of Traverse City. Outside of his work at GTI, Steve has served in a variety of leadership roles in the Idaho Special Olympics, the Idaho and Michigan State Trade Associations, the TC Area Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Council, and the Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation. He also serves on the Board of SourceAmerica, a national nonprofit that creates job opportunities for those with disabilities. The impact of Steve's work on the people of Michigan cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Steven H. Perdue for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Steve all the best in his future endeavors.

**HONORING FIREFIGHTER LAWRENCE
LAVALLEY FOR HIS
FIFTY YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE BANGOR VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Firefighter Lawrence LaValley for his fifty years of active service with the Bangor Volunteer Fire Department.

Since he joined, Mr. LaValley has proven to be an instrumental member of the Bangor Volunteer Fire Department. He has served in numerous roles for the department, including membership on the board of directors, safety officer, and multiple assistant chief positions. Lawrence is the current vice-president of the department; his son, Larry, is the current Chief; and his grandson, Justin, is the Third Assistant Chief. Throughout his 50 years of service, Lawrence has demonstrated a superb work ethic and a commitment to being an outstanding firefighter. Lawrence has been among the top five responders in the department for several years running. He has also demonstrated a commitment to his community outside the department serving as Town Justice and on the Bangor Republican Committee.

Lawrence LaValley devoted 50 years of his life to fire protection, and is an exemplary member of his community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Firefighter LaValley for a lifetime of service and dedication to keeping Bangor and the surrounding communities safe.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the United House of Prayer for All People as the church celebrates its 100th year anniversary. The United House of Prayer for All People was founded by Bishop Charles Manuel Grace in 1919 in West Wareham, MA. The church is now headquartered in the District of Columbia and has 137 places of worship in 27 states.

Bishop Charles Manuel Grace's vision for the United House of Prayer for All People was for it to be a place of worship that also addressed the critical needs of communities devastated by social and economic injustice. The impact of the church can be seen through community development, enterprise, and improved housing throughout the United States. United House of Prayer has developed thousands of multi-family and single-family homes while maintaining affordability in neighborhoods across the country.

The church has also made a major impact on education. The late Bishop Walter McCollough, the church's second leader, founded the McCollough Scholarship College Fund to afford young people the opportunity to pursue their dreams of higher education. The late Bishop S.C. Madison established the St. Lady D. Scholastic Achievement program to reward grade school students for maintaining good citizenship and honor roll achievement.

The United House of Prayer continues to be an extraordinary force in serving the needs of the less fortunate and impoverished citizens across this country. I am fortunate to represent several House of Prayer congregations in Virginia's third congressional district. The House of Prayer provides youth community programs, senior citizen projects, food banks, child care, and other community projects. The church remains focused on being a place

where all nations and people, irrespective of denomination or creed, can pray and worship in spirit and in truth.

The 100-year celebration of the United House of Prayer for All People is not just a celebration of bricks and mortar, it is a celebration of faith, unity, and dynamic leadership.

Madam Speaker, the United House of Prayer for All People, under the current leadership of Bishop C.M. Bailey, has never sought public recognition for their hard work and dedication to the community. Bishop Bailey and the church have dedicated their lives to the advancement, growth, and success of communities throughout the country. I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary and I am excited to see the positive contributions they will continue to make in the years ahead.

AZERBAIJAN—BLACK JANUARY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, this month, our friend and ally, the Republic of Azerbaijan marks the 30th anniversary of "Black January." This time period symbolizes the beginning of the end of Soviet rule over Azerbaijan, an occupation that existed for much of the 20th Century. Violent conflict erupted in Azerbaijan's capital city of Baku on January 19–20, 1990 when Soviet troops killed over 100 Azeri demonstrators and wounded another 700.

In stark contrast to the violence of the Soviet military, the people of Azerbaijan continued their peaceful protests until declaring independence from the U.S.S.R. on October 18, 1991.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the events of Black January in Azerbaijan and honoring those who lost their lives in pursuit of freedom. The United States continues to stand with our ally and partner.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF RODOLFO KARISCH

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of Chief Rodolfo Karisch as he celebrates his retirement after 30 years with the U.S. Border Patrol.

Chief Karisch retires after having served with distinction as the Chief Patrol Agent of the Rio Grande Valley Sector and Commander of the South Texas Corridor. Prior to his selection as Chief Patrol Agent of the Rio Grande Valley Sector, Rodolfo Karisch served as Chief of the Tucson and Del Rio Sectors. He also served as Acting Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Professional Responsibility. Throughout his extensive career, Chief Karisch has consistently embodied the Border Patrol's motto of "Honor First".

Chief Karisch was a friend of mine and a steady, guiding light to his institution throughout his service. His career was dedicated to the best interests of the community and the

country, and he worked tirelessly to protect our border, the town of El Paso, and his community.

I thank Chief Karisch for three decades of dedicated service and wish him many happy memories with his family and loved ones during his retirement. It is often said that a retirement is an ending, but retirement is also a well-deserved beginning to new adventures and opportunities. I wish him and his family all the best in the future.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to recognize the legacy of Chief Rodolfo Karisch.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE MICHIGAN UNION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand re-opening of the Michigan Union.

The Michigan Union is a cornerstone of the University of Michigan. Opened in 1919, the Michigan Union is one of the oldest college unions in the country. For nearly a century, the Michigan Union has given students, faculty, and members of the Ann Arbor community a space to gather, study, and socialize. Throughout the years, the Michigan Union has undergone a great deal of transformation and witnessed some of our nation's greatest historical moments. On the morning of October 14, 1960, Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy gave an impromptu speech that laid the groundwork for the Peace Corps. Later, during a visit to the University of Michigan, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. joined students in the Michigan Union to discuss his thoughts on discrimination and the future of integration in America. To carry on this impactful legacy and adapt to meet the needs of 21st century students, the Michigan Union closed in May 2018 to undergo an \$85.2 million renovation.

Today, we celebrate the Michigan Union as it opens its doors once again. While maintaining the architectural integrity of the 1919 original structure, Michigan Union has vastly remodeled internal features. Aside from technology upgrades and infrastructure renewals, the Michigan Union now includes expanded lounge and study rooms, a revolutionary idea hub, an enclosed courtyard, collaborative spaces, and a host of different food vendors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the grand re-opening of the Michigan Union. Through the historical renovation, the Michigan Union will continue to be an iconic symbol of the University of Michigan for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to attend votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 18—H. Res. 798 on

agreeing to Res; YEA on Roll Call No. 19—H.R. 1230 Amend. No. 3; YEA on Roll Call No. 20—H.R. 1230 MTR; and NAY on Roll Call No. 21—H.R. 130 on passage.

HONORING WATERTOWN MAYOR JOSEPH BUTLER, JR. FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Watertown Mayor Joseph Butler, Jr. for his appointment as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Joseph Butler, Jr. is a lifelong resident of Watertown, New York, a pillar of the community, business leader, and public servant. He served as a member of the Watertown City Council for eight years and as Mayor for four years. Mr. Butler is currently the president of the Watertown Local Development Corporation, a lector for St. Patrick's Church, a volunteer and Special Olympics coach, and a board member of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council. He has also held positions with the Sacred Heart Foundation, Jefferson Community College, and the American Red Cross.

His deep knowledge of the community, which includes Fort Drum, and his decades of experience will make him an invaluable asset to Secretary of the Army, Ryan McCarthy. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Butler for his service and congratulate him on this appointment. I look forward to his success in this new role.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF INDIANA'S RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the State of Indiana's ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. It was on this date a century ago that the Indiana General Assembly answered the call of history, helping to finally open the doors of democracy, equality, and opportunity to Hoosier women.

Not long after the landmark Seneca Falls Convention and subsequent Declaration of Sentiments in 1848, female leaders in Indiana began to organize their own women's rights initiatives. Led by Randolph County native Amanda Way, Indiana's first convention for women's rights took place in 1851. Building on the energy generated from this first convention, participants went on to form the Indiana Woman's Rights Association in 1852. As the movement began to take hold the organization transformed into the Indiana Woman's Suffrage Association. In 1859, Richmond physician Dr. Mary F. Thomas spoke in favor of

women's suffrage in front of the Indiana General Assembly in Indianapolis. As the leader of the Indiana Woman's Suffrage Association, she was the first female to address the Indiana General Assembly.

Soon thereafter the scourge of the Civil War dominated political and social life throughout the country. However, the dream of women's suffrage did not wither in the shadow of this national calamity. After the surrender of Confederate forces in 1865, the states went on to ratify the 14th Amendment guaranteeing citizens equal protection under the law, in 1868. The states then ratified the 15th Amendment in 1870, guaranteeing the right to vote to all males regardless of race. These new guarantees reinvigorated the push for women's suffrage.

Pressure for passage of statewide women's suffrage was first and foremost on the mind of May Wright Sewall's Equal Suffrage Society, which during the early 1880's, organized massive letter writing campaigns aimed at influencing the members of the Indiana General Assembly. Activists such as Helen Gougar of Lafayette, went even a step further, actively attempting to vote in an election in 1894. Having been barred from her attempt to vote, she filed a court case against the Tippecanoe County Election Board. After initial successes in lower courts, the case went to the Indiana Supreme Court which ultimately ruled against Mrs. Gougar. Later in 1897, American icon and women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony spoke before the Indiana General Assembly, advocating the swift passage of statewide women's suffrage.

With the struggle continuing on into the 20th Century, those fighting for women's suffrage developed new connections and organizations, strengthening their forces in this march towards equality. Groups such as the Indiana Federation of Clubs, the Women's Franchise League, the Legislative Council of Indiana, and the Equal Suffrage Association employed new, more high-profile tactics such as auto tours, parades, car rallies, and other major grassroots campaigns, in an effort to increase support for their cause. Leaders including Indianapolis natives Grace Julian Clarke, Dr. Amelia Keller, and Carrie Barnes Ross, along with Ida Husted Harper of Terre Haute, Marie Stuart Edwards of Peru, and many others, recruited Hoosier women from all ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds to their ranks, increasing the spectrum of voices calling for equality and opportunity. As a result of their continued efforts the suffragettes were successful in persuading the Indiana General Assembly to pass the Maston-McKinley Partial Suffrage Act in 1917. This act granted women the right to vote in certain state and local elections. However, a legal ruling from the Indiana State Supreme Court struck down the law shortly before the 1917 municipal elections.

Undeterred, these brave, intrepid heroes continued their struggle. Then in 1919, the dam of inequality finally began to break as the United States House or Representatives and the United States Senate passed the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919. The anticipated vote total in the U.S. House of Representatives was predicted to be so narrow that supporters of women's suffrage helped carry Hoosier Representative Henry Barnhart of Rochester, Indiana, from his hospital bed to the House floor so he could cast his vote in favor of the bill. After passing both houses of the

U.S. Congress, the proposed amendment was sent to the states, needing three-quarters of the states to vote in favor of ratification before the amendment could be adopted. Back in Indiana, after resisting demands to call a special session to ratify the 19th Amendment, the Indiana General Assembly did finally convene, and on January 16, 1920, Indiana became the 26th state to ratify the 19th Amendment.

After decades of struggle, the power of the vote was extended to women with the adoption of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920. Forever more the law would guarantee that the right of citizens of the United States to vote would no longer be denied to women. Today, a century after this landmark moment, women across our country continue to lead the United States into the future with the same zeal and steely determination that sparked a political revolution and allowed our country to move another step closer to living out the ideals of its founders.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SELWYN SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the Selwyn School's Argyle, Texas Campus and the ribbon-cutting of its newly constructed Early Childhood Center. As a proud alumnus of Selwyn, I celebrate the school's achievements and join the staff, faculty, students and parents in looking forward optimistically as Selwyn renews its mission of equipping future leaders as productive citizens from a new physical setting.

Founded in 1957, the Selwyn School is an independent, non-sectarian, college-preparatory school serving pre-school through grade twelve students. A member of the National Association of Independent Schools, Selwyn provides the most thoroughly individualized, comprehensive and developmentally appropriate array of student-focused experiences in North Texas. Selwyn graduates are independent thinkers and creative problem solvers trained to embrace complex challenges with empathy and innovative thought to advance the human condition.

Resilient, emotionally intelligent and globally aware, Selwyn graduates are challenged to elevate the human experience by encouraging holistic development through age appropriate challenges to foster problem-solving, emotional intelligence and social responsibility. Conducting these academic exercises with the expectation of high academic standards, graduates form the necessary academic and character-building tools necessary in adulthood to identify and successfully seek solutions to responsibly address both the known and not yet identified challenges the world will present them in adulthood.

As an exciting backdrop for these lessons, Selwyn relocated in March 2017 to one of North Texas' most picturesque settings. The idyllic 10-acre campus provides an environment supporting nature-based play and exploration, promoting environmental awareness and unique outdoor education opportunities. From growing their own food in the school

gardens to creating their own businesses, Selwyn creates practical and challenging opportunities for students of all ages to engage in creating solutions for the problems of their communities.

I know their commitment to the mission well, as Selwyn was an integral part of the development of the focus, curiosity and determination I've relied upon through my pursuit of post-graduate studies, success as a physician and

business owner, and as a Member of Congress. Even though 50 years have passed since my graduation, I rely daily in my current legislative role on the foundations Selwyn instructors developed within my young mind. In doing so, I join other graduates, including entrepreneurs and philanthropists, who daily fulfill their life's work in service to their fellow man.

I am honored to represent the Selwyn School both as a graduate and as a constituency I am fortunate to serve as a part of the 26th Congressional District. I look forward to witnessing the continued application of Selwyn's mission to the success of their students and the growth and development of this new campus I join them in celebrating today.